

SENATE BILL 971

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55,
Chapter 17, relative to motor vehicle licenses.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-17-111, is amended by adding a new subsection thereto, as follows:

(h) In addition to the requirements of this section, applications for licensure shall include certification that the applicant for a motor vehicle dealer's license who intends to sell used motor vehicles has completed a minimum eight (8) hour pre-licensing course approved by the commission. An application for a motor vehicle dealer's license shall be made within six (6) months of completing an approved pre-licensing course. Franchise dealers shall not be subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding a new section thereto, as follows:

§ 55-17-129. A pre-licensing course or workshop required by § 55-17-111 shall be qualified for approval if the commission determines that it:

- (1) Constitutes an organized program of learning, including a symposium, which contributes directly to the professional competency of the applicant;
- (2) Examines federal and state laws applicable to the motor vehicle industry;
- (3) Examines federal and state regulations applicable to used motor vehicle industry;

(4) Is conducted by individuals considered experts in the subject matter of the program by reason of education, training or experience; and

(5) Is accompanied by a paper, manual or written outline which substantially describes the subject matter of the program.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to dealer applications filed with the motor vehicle commission after such date.